# TRIBAL RENEWABLE ENERGY REGIONAL WORKSHOP: FEB. 9–11, 2016

### Community-Scale Project Development and Finance

Agua Caliente Resort and Casino, Rancho Mirage, California

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy, with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), is offering a series of interactive workshops that will walk participants through the process for developing community-scale renewable energy projects on tribal lands.

American Indian land contains an estimated 5% of all renewable energy generation potential in the United States. To help tribes tap into these resources, the DOE Office of Indian Energy has developed an educational training program that provides information on how to navigate the complexities of developing and implementing renewable energy projects on tribal lands.

The workshops offer a unique opportunity for participants to learn from renewable energy project experts, get hands-on experience using technology resource assessment tools, explore project case studies, and hear about lessons learned from other tribes.

Workshop participants will learn about the five steps necessary to develop and finance renewable energy projects on tribal lands, including how to:

- Assess project potential
- Determine technology options
- Select the appropriate business structure for their tribe's energy projects
- Understand the various financing options
- Issue and evaluate requests for proposals
- Plan for project operation and maintenance.



#### **Access Courses and Videos Online**

Prior to the workshop, attendees are encouraged to review a series of short courses on renewable energy technology basics on the DOE Office of Indian Energy's website at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/curriculum">www.energy.gov/indianenergy/curriculum</a>. In addition, it may be beneficial to watch DOE's short videos on renewable energy technologies, including wind, solar, and biomass prior to the workshop. Access the videos at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/videos">www.energy.gov/eere/videos</a>.



#### Location

**Agua Caliente Resort and Casino** 32-250 Bob Hope Dr. Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

#### **How to Register**

The workshop is limited to elected tribal leaders, tribal executives, and tribal staff. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, dinner, and travel costs.

Space is limited, so register now to secure your spot by emailing *tribalworkshops@nrel.gov* or calling 303-275-3005.

#### **Hotel Rooms**

A block of rooms is available to workshop participants at the Agua Caliente Resort and Casino at a discounted rate of \$119.99 per night. Please call 1-800-854-1279 to reserve a room. The deadline for the government rate discount ends Jan. 18, 2016, at 5 p.m.

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